

Assembly Bill No. 2379

CHAPTER 386

An act to amend Section 25244.17.1 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to environmental protection.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2379, Feuer. Environmental protection: hazardous waste source reduction.

(1) The Hazardous Waste Source Reduction and Management Review Act of 1989 requires specified generators of hazardous waste to maintain certain plans and reports, and summaries with regard to hazardous waste reduction practices. The act also requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to establish a technical assistance and outreach program to promote implementation of model source reduction measures in priority industry categories. The act requires the department to select at least 2 priority categories of generators by SIC Code every 2 years.

This bill would instead require the department to select at least 4 priority industry categories of generators by SIC code every 2 years.

(2) The act requires, among other things, that at least one selected category of generators be a category that consists primarily of small businesses.

This bill would additionally require that at least one selected category of generators be a category that consists primarily of businesses that are affected by actions taken by the department that, among other things, identify and prioritize chemical or chemical ingredients in consumer products that may be considered a chemical of concern.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 25244.17.1 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

25244.17.1. The department shall establish a technical assistance and outreach program to promote implementation of model source reduction measures in priority industry categories.

(a) Every two years, in the work plan required by Section 25244.22, the department shall, in consultation with the advisory committee, select at least four priority categories of generators by SIC Code. At least one selected category of generators shall be taken from the list of categories previously selected by the department under Section 25244.18. At least one selected

category of generators shall be a category that consists primarily of small businesses. At least one selected category of generators shall be a category that consists primarily of businesses affected by an action taken by the department pursuant to Article 14 (commencing with Section 25251) of Chapter 6.5 of Division 20.

(b) For each selected priority industry category, the department shall implement a cooperative source reduction technical assistance and outreach program to include the following elements:

(1) The department shall use available resources, including reports prepared pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 25244.18 and information on source reduction methods from federal, state, and local governments and industry associations and industry members, to identify a set of model source reduction measures for each industry category.

(2) The department shall determine, with the assistance of the advisory committee, the most effective technical assistance and outreach methods to promote implementation of the model source reduction measures identified in paragraph (1).

(3) The department shall develop a plan and schedule to implement the technical assistance and outreach measures before the next biennial work plan. The measures may include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Holding, presenting at, or cosponsoring workshops, conferences, technology fairs, and other promotional events.

(B) Developing and distributing educational materials, such as short descriptions of successful source reduction projects.

(C) Developing checklists, training manuals, and technical resource manuals and using those resources to train CUPAs, small business development corporations, business environmental assistance centers, and other regional and local government environmental programs.

(D) Preparing and distributing resource lists, such as lists of vendors, consultants, or providers of financial assistance for source reduction projects.

(E) Serving as an information clearinghouse to support telephone and onsite consultations with businesses and local governments.

(4) For industry categories that include primarily large or technically complex businesses, the source reduction technical assistance and outreach program shall emphasize activities that involve direct communication between department staff and industry members. For these industry categories, the department shall communicate with representatives of 80 percent of the state's companies in the category. For categories that consist primarily of small businesses, the cooperative source reduction program shall emphasize providing industry-specific training and resources to CUPAs, small business development corporations, business environmental assistance centers, and other regional and local government environmental programs for use in their inspections and other direct communications with businesses.

(c) While conducting activities under this section, the department shall coordinate its activities with appropriate industry and professional associations.

(d) The department shall coordinate activities under this section with grants made under Section 25244.5.

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